

## PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY OF WAR SUPPLIES EXPEDITED BY ADVISORY COMMISSION

First Annual Report Shows Benefits Derived By Nation  
From Civilian Body Co-operating With National  
Council of Defense—Work of Four Months Reviewed.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Expeditionary production and delivery of war supplies and substantial savings in contract prices to the government have been achieved by the Council of National Defense through its civilian advisory commission, according to the council's first annual report, transmitted to Congress today by the president. The report covers the work of the council for only four months, from the time of organization, March 1, 1917, to the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

"In a broad sense, the council and commission have sought to make available to the United States the best thought and effort of American industrial and professional life for the successful prosecution of the war," the report says.

"The direction of the machinery of American industry for the national defense necessarily involves the creation of an organization of great flexibility. The swift changes in strategy and rapid improvement in war machinery, attended by the equal speed with which implements of warfare are scrapped and replaced at the front, has been reflected by corresponding rapid transformation and stimulation of the industrial organization within the nation at war. The history of the first three months of the war in the United States has proven no exception.

"It has been the effort of the organization of the Council of National Defense to hold itself in constant readiness to meet such new demands and to shift its effort and expand its facilities in the interest of the national service. Its organization has been and of necessity must continue in process of evolution rapid enough to prevent confusion or lack of proper co-ordination and control. In a peculiar sense it has felt itself called upon to be constantly ready to fill in the gaps and assist the regular departments of the government."

In order to assure the American forces adequate equipment to bring victory, vast increases in the country output of war supplies were necessary. The council has developed new sources of supply for both raw materials and finished products and purchased supplies for the executive departments have been co-ordinated. Standardized modifications for tools and implements used in the manufacture of munitions have been introduced and the co-operative organizations of transportation and electric communication for war service have been enlisted. An aircraft program was inaugurated, motor transportation facilities stimulated, labor leaders organized jointly with representative employers for the effective enlistment of the workmen in war service, scientific research promoted, the engineering and naval professions mobilized for war and the coal industry organized for more effective production of fuel.

Assistance also was given by the council to the business of the country in meeting changed conditions and adapting resources to war demands. The local activities of the states were centralized.

Efforts of American women to assist in the conduct of the war received special attention from the council, which provided means for concentrating their energies effectively. "The Council's Aircraft Production Board," says the report, "states that the lack of previous American experience in battle plane construction led to the adoption to a large extent of designs developed in the allied countries, or adaptations from those designs. The difference in shop practice in this country and in Europe resulted in the development of the composite national design, known as the 'Liberty Motor,' so constructed and with its parts so standardized that it lends itself easily to quantity production with American shop methods."

"Manufacturing resources of the country were adapted to the manufacture of airplanes, the general policy adopted being that of relying mainly on relatively few highly organized and manifestly capable establishments rather than scattering orders for planes and separate parts among the large number of small shops."

"Competitive bidding between the war and navy departments and between sub-departments and committees, has been eliminated by the General Municipal Board, which acted as a clearing house; particularly for orders which involve materials in which a national shortage existed. Where manufacturing facilities were insufficient the board has directed efforts to develop new facilities."

"The Committee on Supplies by se-

curing of options, the 'pegging' of prices of various articles, the allotment of large requirements throughout the industries, the elimination of middlemen, and the curbing of competition between government departments, has enabled the government to make substantial savings in its purchases of textiles, foodstuffs and leather.

"The report of the Committee on Raw Materials, Minerals, and Metals states: 'Without authority to fix prices, the committee has succeeded in obtaining raw materials at substantial price reductions without trade disturbance of real consequence. Without the legal power to determine priority, it has been largely instrumental in many cases in diverting output in such manner as to secure the greatest general benefit. Without any power save that of persuasion, it has brought specialized private business efficiency into immediate and effective co-operation with a well ordered federal system.'"

In stimulating the work of the Committee on Coal Production, the report says:

"During the week ending January 6, 1917, the average daily production of bituminous coal was 1,840,000 net tons; of anthracite coal 228,490 gross tons; during the week ending April 2, 1917, the time of the creation of the Committee on Coal Production, the average daily production of bituminous coal had decreased to 1,632,000 tons; of anthracite to 223,639 gross tons. From the latter date, production progressively increased until early in July bituminous coal was being produced at the rate of 1,902,864 tons per day, and anthracite at the rate of 281,960 gross tons per day, the greatest output in the entire history of the coal industry, an output, it maintained, sufficient to supply not only the entire coal requirements of this country but also would have created a large surplus to relieve the coal shortage of the allied nations."

The Commercial Economy Board has studied and advised how commercial business might reduce non-essential activities. The board's work covered returns of unsold bread to bakeries, waste in deliveries, wool conservation, and other fields.

The report of the Committee on Transportation outlines the history of the directing organization for war purposes built up by the Railroad War Board upon the special invitation of the Council of National Defense. The ton mileage during April, May and June was 15,500,000,000 ton miles, which is 18 per cent. more than in the previous year.

To economize in traffic facilities passenger trains making over 24,000,000 miles per year in the aggregate had already been discontinued at the recommendation of the executive committee. This, the report estimates, will result in the saving of 1,500,000 tons of coal per year, and has released 3,000 men and a considerable number of engineers for other and more important service.

The committee on labor's report tells of the conference of organized labor representatives at which they stated their unqualified allegiance to the Republic in any situation.

Later a resolution was adopted by the committee, approved by the Council, declaring there should be no departure from present standards in state laws or state rulings affecting labor, without a declaration by the Council that it is essential for national defense.

In describing work of special committees, special mention is made of that on wages and hours, which assisted in incorporating in government contracts the standards for wages and hours already established by federal legislation.

The report says that of 408 persons working continuously for the Council only 168 were paid, the greater part being clerks and stenographers, not counting a very large number of persons giving part of their time in and out of Washington.

### FRENCH ON EAST FRONT RECALLED BY BOLSHEVIKI

London, Jan. 7.—A telegram from Brest-Litovsk to Amsterdam gives a wireless message sent to M. Joffe, chairman of the Russian delegation, by Foreign Minister von Kuehlmann for the German delegation, Foreign Minister Czernin for the Austrians, Foreign Minister Nessmy for the Turks, and Minister of Justice Popoff for the Bulgarians. It recalls the fact that when the Central powers outlined the terms on which they were willing to make peace they stipulated that these terms would be valid only if all the belligerents bound themselves within a certain period to observe them. The Russians then fixed 10 days as the period in which the other belligerents were to decide whether to join in the negotiations, but although this time elapsed Jan. 4, nothing has been heard from them.

Another telegram from Brest-Litovsk says informal discussion there on Friday between the Germans and the Ukrainians took a direction favorable to Germany.

The correspondent in Petrograd of the Daily Mail says it is a pity that some of the Allied diplomats pretend to ignore M. Trotsky, while in fact they are obliged to recognize his authority.

Referring to the same incident, a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says M. Trotsky orders the immediate closing of the French bureau, the removal of the wireless apparatus, and the immediate recall to Petrograd of French officers in the war area.

### SOLDIERS BUILD CHURCH

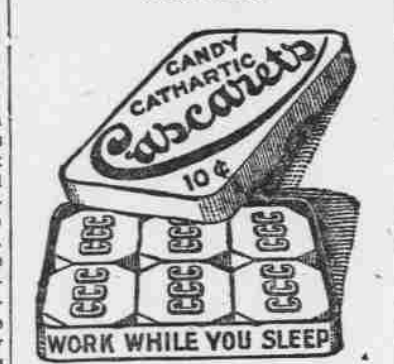
Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 8.—The first church built by the soldiers at any camp is now under construction at Camp Wadsworth. Funds were provided by Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt's 102nd engineers. Dr. Horace R. Fell, formerly rector of St. Alban's church, Highbridge, N. Y., is chaplain of the engineers.

FUNERAL BOUQUET AND DESIGNS  
JOHN RECK & SON

## IT'S YOUR LIVER! YOU'RE BILIOUS, HEADACHY, SICK!

Don't stay constipated with  
breath bad, stomach sour  
or a cold.

Enjoy life! Live your liver  
and bowels to-night and  
feel fine.



To-night sure! Remove the liver and bowel poison which is keeping your head dizzy, your tongue coated, breath offensive and stomach sour. Don't stay bilious, sick, headachy, constipated and full of cold. Why don't you get a box of Cascarets from the drug store now? Eat one or two to-night and enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced. You will wake up feeling fit and fine. Cascarets never gripe or bother you all the next day like calomel, salts and pills. They act gently but thoroughly. Mothers should give cross, sick, bilious or feverish children a whole Cascaret any time. They are harmless and children love them.—Adv.

### BRECKENRIDGE LECTURING ON FUEL ECONOMY

Hartford, Jan. 8.—Arrangements are being made by the Committee of Fuel Conservation of the Connecticut State Council of Defense for a number of talks to be given to the boiler fireman in different cities in the state by G. K. Warner of Bristol.

Professor L. P. Breckenridge of Yale University, a member of the committee, has given talks of this kind to boiler firemen in New Haven and Hartford, and the eagerness of the firemen to hear these addresses and get fuel conservation information has caused the committee to make arrangements with Mr. Warner to give similar talks in other cities. Professor Breckenridge will continue to devote all the time he can spare to this work.

### TODAY'S ANNIVERSARY

The first great astronomical discovery made by the use of the telescope was the achievement of Galileo, who, 313 years ago today, Jan. 8, 1610, discovered the satellites of Jupiter. It has been denied that the telescope constructed by Galileo was the first instrument of its kind, but certainly Galileo was the first to make an important and special use of the device. Jupiter was known as a planet to the Chaldeans, it is said, some 3,000 years before the beginning of the Christian era, but it remained for Galileo to discover its attendant satellites, four in number.

Galileo's other remarkable discoveries included Saturn's rings, the spots and the starry nature of the milky way. He was twice persecuted because of his persistence in upholding the truth of the Copernican system. Under fiendish torture he abjured his "heresies" publicly, but privately remained of the same mind still. Galileo died 276 years ago today, Jan. 8, 1642, on the anniversary of his great discovery.

### AMUSEMENTS

#### THE HIPPODROME THEATRE

TO-NIGHT  
PARAMOUNT PLAY  
**BILLIE BURKE**

—IN—  
"The Mysterious  
Mrs. Terry"

TO-MORROW  
Douglas Fairbanks

—IN—  
"THE LAMB"

#### YOUR LAST CHANCE

Beginners' Dancing Class

QUILTY'S, COLONIAL BALL ROOM

Wednesday Evening, Jan. 8 at 8 O'clock

WALTZ—ONE STEP—FOX TROT

Eight Lessons \$4.

#### LEARN TO DANCE

A beginners' class formed Wednesday evening, January 9th at 8 o'clock. Waltz, One Step and Fox Trot taught in course of 8 lessons \$4.

—LAST CLASS OF SEASON.

#### QUILTY'S SCHOOL OF DANCING

COLONIAL BALL ROOM

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For the first time in the history of stock production in Bridgeport, THE NEW LYRIC was "jammed" to capacity last night with an enthusiastic audience to greet "Potash and Perlmutter." Ask your neighbors, they saw it.

NEXT WEEK: BROKEN THREADS

### STATE MERCHANTS TO CUT DELIVERY SERVICE TO SAVE

Hartford, Jan. 8.—Recommendation of the Commercial Economy Board of the Council of National Defense have been adopted by the merchants in Hartford, West Haven, New London, Norwich, West Hartford and Windsor Locks. It is expected that they will be adopted before the end of the present month in Bristol, Danbury, Danielson, Putnam and Willimantic. These recommendations call for the reduction of delivery service by retail merchants and a decided curtailment in the return privilege. The matter is being handled in Connecticut by a sub-committee of the Industrial Survey Committee of the Connecticut State Council of Defense, appointed on recommendation of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce.

### TO-NIGHT West End TO-NIGHT

State Street, Near Clinton Avenue. Tel. Bar. 7773

GOLDWYN PICTURES PRESENTS

**MADGE KENNEDY**

IN HER FIRST SCREEN APPEARANCE IN

**BABY MINE 6 ACTS 6**

To-morrow:—Mary Miles Minter in "Peggy Leads the Way"

## PLAZA

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

**MARGERY WILSON**

—IN—  
**Without Honor**

MASTERFUL SCREEN DRAMA

**Dances A La Carte**

CLASSICAL AND FUNNY—A SCREAM ALL THE WAY THROUGH

**JENNINGS & MACK**

—IN—  
**"THE CAMOUFLAGE TAXI"**

GOOD FOR 100 LAFS

**VAN ORDEN AND FALLOWS**

FASHIONABLE DANCERS

**THE NEWMANS**

BICYCLE COMEDIANS



This Week This Week

First Time in Bridgeport at

Popular Prices

**POTASH AND**

**PERLMUTTER**

FASHION'S DAINTIEST CREATIONS

DISPLAYED BY

**Living Models**

Next Week Next Week

"Broken Threads"



## PARK

3 Days Beginning Thursday, Jan. 10

DAILY MATINEES

The Burlesque You All Know

CHARLES H. WALDRON'S

**BOSTONIAN**

**BURLESQUERS :::**

— WITH —

**FRANK FUNNY FINNEY**

And 41 Others in a Riot of Pleasure

ALL NEW ALL BRIGHT ALL FUNNY

## EMPIRE THEATRE

Home of First Run Artcraft and Paramount Pictures

NOW PLAYING

LAST DAY

Paramount Super Production

THE DYNAMIC COMEDienne

**Billie Burke**

—IN—  
**"Arms and the Girl"**

A Comedy Drama Unfolding the Tale of a Romantic American Girl Caught in the Belgian Invasion

Opening Episode of "Vengeance and the Woman"

To-Morrow and Thursday: Wallace Reid in "Nan of Music Mountain."

WANT ADS. IN THE TIMES ONE CENT A WORD

### Make Your Own Cough Syrup and Save Money

Better than the ready-made kind.  
Easily prepared at home.

The finest cough syrup that money can buy, costing only about one-fifth as much as ready-made preparations, can easily be made up at home. The way it takes hold and conquers distressing coughs, throat and chest colds will really make you enthusiastic about it.

Any druggist can supply you with 2½ ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth). Pour this into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Shake thoroughly and it is ready for use. The total cost is about 65 cents and gives you a full pint—pleasant supply of a most effective, pleasant tasting remedy. It keeps perfectly.

It's truly astonishing how quickly it acts, penetrating through every air passage of the throat and lungs—loosens and raises the phlegm, soothes and heals the inflamed or swollen throat membranes, and gradually but surely the annoying throat tickle and dreaded cough will disappear entirely. Nothing better for bronchitis, spasmodic croup, whooping cough or bronchial asthma.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and is known the world over for its prompt healing effect on the throat membranes.

Avoid disappointment by asking your druggist for 2½ ounces of Pinex with full directions and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.